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BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT, MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 25, 1916.

TWO CENTS.

## FAILS TO BREAK THE ALLIED LINE

### Von Mackensen Unsuccessful Against Defenders of Constanza Railroad

### LESSENING IN IN- TENSITY OF STRUGGLE

Opposing Forces Apparently Deadlocked  
Along Front from Danube to Black  
Sea — Rumanians Capture 7,000 Prisoners.

Latest reports regarding the important campaign in the Rumanian province of Dobruja indicate a lessening in the intensity of the struggle between the invading armies of the central powers and the Rumanians opposing them.

Field Marshal Von Mackensen's initial attempt to break the allied line formed to defend the Constanza railroad evidently has failed.

The opposing forces apparently are now virtually deadlocked along the front from the Danube to the Black Sea.

The current statement from Bucharest announces only artillery duels along the Danube. It declares, however, that the Rumanians have made some progress on their left flank, which rests on the sea-coast. In their invasion in Transylvania the Rumanians report success in an attack where 300 men were captured. Nearly 7,000 prisoners have been taken by the Rumanians so far in their Transylvanian campaign.

### ARMED CRETANS CONTROL ISLAND

Greek Authorities Have Turned Over  
Government Buildings — King's  
Guards Not Loyal.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—Fully armed Cretans, numbering 30,000, are in complete control of the island of Crete, according to Reuters Athens despatch. Many coast towns are in their possession. Greek authorities have turned over all the government buildings to the leaders of the movement. Only 11 members of the King Constantine Guard remain loyal.

### WIN FORTIFIED POSITION.

Russian Troops Take the Offensive on  
the Macedonian Front.

PARIS, Sept. 25.—Russian troops on the western end of the Macedonian front took the offensive last night. The war office announced today that they had captured Hill No. 916, west of Florina, which had been strongly fortified. A Bulgarian counter attack was checked by French and Russian artillery. French artillery fire caused an outbreak of flame in Dorrien and French troops made progress on their left flank. Serbian troops have reached the frontier. The French infantry made a slight advance to the north of Florina.

### WARSHIPS IN ACTION.

British Bombed the Coast of Bel-  
gium on Sunday.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—British monitors and destroyers bombed the Belgium coast on Sunday, according to a despatch from Flushing.

### Centre Congregational Church

#### Installation Program.

An ecclesiastical council will meet in the church Thursday, Sept. 28, at 2.30 to examine Rev. Richard H. Clapp preparatory to his installation in the evening at 7.30, both of which sessions will be open to the public. The evening program will be especially interesting, including, besides the organ selections and hymns, the following numbers: Anthem, Festival Te Deum, Buck Scripture lesson, Rev. A. O. Peterson of Brattleboro. Prayer, Rev. A. V. Woodworth of West Brattleboro. Sermon, Professor John Winthrop Plattner, D. D., of Andover Theological Seminary, Cambridge, Mass. Installing prayer, Rev. Arthur F. Pratt, D. D., of Greenfield, Mass. Charge to the pastor, Rev. Howard A. Lincoln of Rochester, Vt. Charge to the church, Rev. Roy M. Houghton of New Haven, Conn. Right hand of fellowship, Rev. Charles F. Chapin of Saxtons River, Vt.

#### In Odd Fellows' Temple

Monday night at 7.30 — Regular meeting of Wabantiquet lodge.  
Tuesday evening at 7.30 — Regular meeting of Dennis Rebeckan lodge. After the meeting there will be a short program in observance of the anniversary of the order. Refreshments.

## ROCKWELL PROMOTED JUST BEFORE HE FELL

American Aviator Was Killed Near the  
Scene of His First Battle  
Against Germans.

PARIS, Sept. 25.—The aerial fight in which Sergeant Kiffin Rockwell, of Atlanta, Ga., was mortally wounded Saturday morning by a German airplane, took place over the town of Thann. The body of the American aviator fell in reconquered territory in Alsace near the spot where Rockwell shot down his first adversary five months ago.

Rockwell was serving as a volunteer in the Franco-American flying corps on the Verdun front. A few hours prior to his last engagement he had been promoted to the rank of second lieutenant, but he died without knowing of the new honor. He already had received the military medal for shooting down a German two-seater near Hartsenauweiler-Kopf. He had beaten down another before Verdun and had participated in a thrilling combat in which the American flyers were engaged with a strong German force. He was wounded in that fight by a fragment of shell while engaged alone with three adversaries.

Sergeant Rockwell was one of the first American volunteers to join the Foreign Legion. He was grievously wounded in a bayonet attack at Arras in May, 1916, before being transferred to the flying corps. He was regarded in French aviation circles as an "ace," a name given to the most skillful and daring pilots.

Lieut. William Thaw, of Pittsburgh, before he was wounded, and Rockwell made a formidable fighting pair. They frequently were in the air together and always chasing an adversary.

Rockwell had fought thirty-four air battles since recovering from his last wound, or an average of more than one a day. When he met his death he was returning from a bombing expedition in which his was one of the fighting machines that furnished the escort.

## PENNANT HOPES ARE REVIVED AGAIN

Chicago and Detroit American League  
Teams See a Possibility of Beat-  
ing Boston.

CHICAGO, Sept. 25.—Pennant hopes were revived for the Chicago and Detroit Americans, who won their games yesterday while Boston was losing. Boston, which has eight games yet to play, is two and one-half games ahead of Chicago and three ahead of Detroit. Chicago and Detroit still have five and four games respectively on their schedule. There was more chance for an upset in the National league than in the American, as Brooklyn and Philadelphia each have 11 games before the season ends and Boston has 15.

### PAY TAXES OR LOSE MINES.

Carranza Government Replies to Pro-  
testing Owners.

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 25.—The treasury department has issued a circular in answer to the appeals of individual mine owners for the remission of taxes on mining property. The circular declares that the titles given are in the nature of a lease of subsoil from the government, which is the sole owner of the land. The leases, according to the circular, do not give absolute ownership, but the right to exploitation of the indispensable condition to preserve title to mining property.

As long as persons hold titles they must perform their part of the contract by paying taxes, says the circular, whether or not the titleholder is in possession of the property or able to work it. The government says it is impossible to make a rule which would cover all possible exceptions and that the only way taxes may be adequately collected is to declare the forfeiture of persons not paying them.

### COSTS MORE AT HARVARD.

Increased Tuition of \$200 — Military  
Science Department.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Sept. 25.—A freshman class, estimated to number more than 700, was on hand for the opening of the 28th year at Harvard university today. The principal innovation this year is the institution of the department of military science, headed by Capt. C. Cordier, U. S. A. From the classes in this department will be recruited the Harvard regiment. An increased tuition fee of \$200 goes into effect this year.

### EPIDEMIC DISAPPEARING.

Only 14 New Cases of Infantile Paraly-  
sis and Five Deaths.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—A new low record was established for the 24 hours ending at 10 a. m. today in the waning epidemic of infantile paralysis, according to the health department. There were 14 new cases and five deaths.

### THE ATTACK FAILED.

Germans Unsuccessful on the Verdun  
Front Last Night.

PARIS, Sept. 25.—German troops made an attack on the Verdun front last night near the Vaux-Chapelle woods. The war office reports that this afternoon say the attack failed.

Public schools of Boston will not open until Monday, October 2, or possibly not until October 9, because of continued prevalence of infantile paralysis.

## GERMANS REPORT EXTENSIVE FIRES

### Claim That Big Zeppelin Raid Inflicted Great Dam- age in England

### ADMIT THE LOSS OF TWO BIG AIRSHIPS

Twelve Machines Joined in the Bom-  
bardment — London Admits That 32  
Persons Were Killed and 106 Wound-  
ed by the Shells.

BERLIN, Sept. 25.—Extensive fires were observed to have been caused by the Zeppelin bombardment of London and the English midland counties on Saturday, it was announced today in the official report of the raid. Two of the Zeppelins were lost as the result of the fire of anti-aircraft guns in London. It reads as follows:

"During the night of Sept. 23-24 several naval airships dropped bombs on London, on places of military importance and on the midland counties. Large fires were everywhere observed to result. Previously before crossing the British coast the airships were fired upon by guard vessels and during the attack itself were under an extraordinarily heavy fire from incendiary shells from numerous batteries in well-directed volleys. Two of the airships fell victims of anti-aircraft in London. All the others returned undamaged."

LONDON, Sept. 25.—Regarding the German official report of the raid the press bureau says: "In addition to the fact that no anti-aircraft defenses were places of military importance or were damaged this account is full of the usual misstatements."

LONDON, Sept. 25.—Of 12 big Zeppelins which invaded the British Isles Saturday night to deal death and destruction from the skies two lie stark and black masses of steel and aluminum in the little village of Mangold, Essex county. They fell victims of the anti-aircraft defenses of London and the outlying districts.

One came down a flaming torch, as did the Zeppelin L-21, destroyed three weeks ago, while the second, disabled by gun fire, effected a landing which saved the lives of the crew, who are prisoners in England. The crew of the first raider died in the consuming flames of their own ship. This latest raider to light her own funeral way on English soil collapsed and was consumed much more quickly than the L-21. It is possible though that some of the men were still living when the great vessel struck the ground. The captain's body was found some distance from the wreck.

The death and burning of the first Zeppelin was witnessed by tens of thousands of London's residents, but the wounding and descent of the second raider were a matter of doubt until yesterday's official statement was given out. Few details are available of this second raider's condition, but it is reliably reported that the crew surrendered to special constables.

Many who saw the shrapnel bursting like skyrocket above the invader which subsequently caught fire, think there must have been several direct hits. Many airships were aloft and attacked the Zeppelins from all sides.

### THREE KILLED IN AUTO SMASH.

Maine Central Freight Train Hits Car  
Near Enfield, Me.

ENFIELD, Me., Sept. 25.—Three persons were killed and two others injured, one probably fatally, when an automobile was struck by a freight train on the Maine Central railroad here yesterday. The victims were Charles H. Randall and his daughter, Doris of Milo, and Mrs. Abram Dougherty of Medford Center.

### BREAD FAMINE IN VIENNA.

Guests Having Supply at Home Go  
Short in Hotels and Restaurants.

ZURICH, Switzerland, September 25.—Press despatches from Vienna say there has been a bread famine there for several days owing to transportation difficulties. A decree has been published forbidding hotels and restaurants in Vienna from supplying bread to guests who have it at home.

### EASY FOR MILLIKEN.

Elected Governor of Maine on a Total  
Expense of \$155.

AUGUSTA, Me., Sept. 25.—An itemized statement filed today by Carl E. Milliken, who was elected governor on the Republican ticket Sept. 11, showed that his campaign expenses amounted to \$155. Of this amount \$80 was expended for printing and \$75 for campaign buttons.

## RICHARDSON CHOSEN TWIN STATE MANAGER

Succeeds E. M. Addis When Latter's  
Resignation Takes Effect, Oct. 15  
—Cashier Eight Years.

William H. Richardson, for eight years cashier of the Brattleboro branch of the Twin State Gas & Electric Co., has been appointed manager to succeed E. M. Addis, whose resignation to take effect Oct. 15, was reported Saturday. Mr. Richardson will take up the managerial duties when Mr. Addis ends his connection with the company.

Mr. Richardson says there will be no changes in the personnel of the local staff at present. A. L. Tripp will continue as superintendent of the street railway, Leon C. White of the electric department and E. M. Smith of the gas department. For the present there will be no one appointed to the cashier's position and Mr. Richardson and the others of the office staff will divide up that work.

Mr. Richardson is as familiar with the needs and requirements of the public service by the local company as any man could be, for he has been in intimate touch with local conditions longer than anyone else connected with the general office. He intends to undertake the managerial duties with the single purpose of improving conditions wherever possible and to give the very best service that strict attention to business and details of the management makes possible.

## PHOENIX FIRE LOSS REACHES \$1,000,000

One Life Lost, Many Persons Injured  
and Eighty-two Buildings  
Destroyed

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Sept. 25.—A fire, which raged fifteen hours without check, wiped out the entire business district and more than half the industrial section of the village of Phoenix yesterday, burned to death James E. Goodwin, 72, formerly a justice of the peace, severely injured many others and caused a property loss estimated at more than \$1,000,000.

Eighty-two buildings were destroyed. Not a store of any description was left standing and the people last night were confronted with a serious problem of food supply. Pillagers have invaded the ruins and scores of deputies have been sworn in with orders to fire on the looters.

The fire originated in the power plant. The early destruction of the water pumping station which adjoined rendered the volunteer fire department practically helpless. A strong wind was blowing and within an hour after the alarm was turned in four squares were burning. The Syracuse and Fulton departments sent aid.

## THOUSANDS STAY AWAY FROM SCHOOL

Many Parents Are Still Fearful of In-  
fantile Paralysis in New  
York City.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—The New York public schools opened today, two weeks later than usual. The school authorities estimated that the parents of 75,000 of the 800,000 children kept them at home through fear of infantile paralysis. Teachers are instructed to take precautions to discover cases of the disease and a physician and nurse will be sent to each school daily to examine any children not in good health.

### REHEARSE KISSES FOR JUDGE.

Mrs. Carpenter Tries to Prove They  
Never Were Given.

BOSTON, Sept. 25.—The three-minute embraces and stolen kisses, which played an important part in the divorce which Major Ralph G. Carpenter of Woburn, N. H., and Boston won from Mrs. Marguerite P. Carpenter, were rehearsed at Magnolia Saturday night before Judge Kivel, who heard the case in Concord, N. H.

The rehearsal was part of Mrs. Carpenter's appeal from the judge's decision. Through her counsel she has denied that she sat in a man's lap on the piazza of the Gables Cottage, as detectives testified, or allowed herself to be kissed.

She claimed it would have been impossible for detectives to have stood where they said they did and have seen anything on the piazza. At the request of Mrs. Carpenter's counsel, Judge Kivel went to Magnolia and stood where the detectives said they stood and watched, or tried to watch, lovemaking on the piazza.

United States war department is ordering large number of new type of anti-aircraft guns especially adapted to high-angle firing, design of which is to be kept secret. Contracts for projectiles approximating \$1,600,000 have been awarded to Washington Steel & Ordnance Co. Presumably Bethlehem Steel and other large firms put in high bids because they are overloaded with European war contracts. War department will send battery equipped with five caterpillar trucks and eight motor trucks to Mexican border, and 48 three-ton mortar trucks and 27 motor tractors to Hawaii.

## BOTH CANDIDATES MAKING SPEECHES

### President to Address the National Grain Deal- ers' Association

### WILL INDICATE THE NATURE OF CAMPAIGN

Program of Charles E. Hughes Calls for  
an Address Before the National  
League of Republican Clubs in Day-  
ton, Ohio.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Sept. 25.—President Wilson left here this morning for Baltimore, where he was to discuss the railroad eight-hour law and other campaign issues before the National Grain Dealers' association this afternoon. He will return tonight. The visit to Baltimore is the first trip of the President's away from Shadow Lawn for campaign purposes. The President's speech was to be the first of a series he will deliver before non-partisan organizations. It was expected that the address would indicate the nature of the President's campaign.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 25.—Charles E. Hughes left here early today to open his Ohio campaign at Dayton. His program calls for an all-day stop in that city. Addresses before the National League of Republican clubs, at the national soldiers' home and in the auditorium at night, with an afternoon visit at the fair grounds, were the chief activities of today.

## SMALL ENROLLMENT IN LOWER GRADES

Condition Surprises School Officials, and  
Reason Has Not Been Determined  
—Upper Grades Normal.

The grades of the public schools opened this morning. Much to the surprise of the school authorities the enrollment in the lower grades was very small, for a reason as yet undetermined. The enrollments in the upper grades were as large as was expected. Figures of the attendance at the various schools are not yet obtainable as the day has been spent in making the necessary arrangements and assignments incident to the opening of the schools.

## BOARD OF TRADE TRIP OCT. 4 AND 5

Automobile Party to Go to Montpelier  
via Woodstock, Returning via  
White River Junction.

The entertainment committee of the Brattleboro board of trade in a meeting Saturday afternoon decided on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 4 and 5, as the dates for the automobile ride of the association. The party will leave Brattleboro and dine at Woodstock and spend the night at Montpelier. The return will be by way of White River Junction, Hanover, N. H., with dinner in Lebanon, and home by way of Keene and Spofford lake.

### TREVINO'S WOUNDS SERIOUS.

Probably Not Fatal, According to  
Word at Laredo.

LAREDO, Texas, Sept. 25.—The wounds sustained by Gen. Jacinto Trevino in the recent attack on Chihuahua City are considered very serious, though probably not fatal, according to a statement issued here last night. One bullet penetrated his shoulder.

A new version of the attack on the Chihuahua capital was received last night in mail advices from Monterey. This said that while the independence celebration was in progress hundreds of the inhabitants of the city, armed with rifles and machine guns, attacked the 300 members of the Carranza garrison, who "were almost completely destroyed." No specific mention of Villa's presence was made in this account.

### ROB JEWELRY STORE OF \$15,000.

Crackmen at Baltimore Chisel Into  
3,000-Pound Safe.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 25.—Defting detection from the hourly visits of a night watchman crackmen early yesterday chiseled their way into the inner recesses of a 3,000-pound safe in the jewelry store of Steman & Norwig and escaped with gems valued approximately at \$15,000. The burglars cut through the flooring and ceiling of the second floor and used a rope to lower themselves directly in front of the safe.

Instead of blowing the safe the crackmen broke through from the rear, cut away a steel plate half an inch thick, broke through six inches of concrete backing and chiseled a second hole in a second steel plate.

Coffee beans are sorted not only for size, but for color.

## COURT STORY LIKE LES MISERABLES

Former New Hampshire Convict, Like  
Hugo's Famous Character, Stole  
from Benefactor.

NASHUA, N. H., Sept. 25.—Like a chapter from Les Miserables is the story told in court here by George M. True of Concord, who, like Jean Valjean, stole from a man who had befriended him.

True was pardoned from state prison July 28, after serving 18 years of a 45-year sentence for being an habitual criminal, largely through the efforts of George W. McCann of Hudson, who interested himself in True's behalf. Mr. McCann took the ex-convict to his home in Hudson and set him to work.

Saturday in the Nashua police court, True pleaded guilty of breaking, entering and larceny from his benefactor, who had saved him from prison, where he had still 27 years to serve. He was held in \$500 to await grand jury action.

True, who is 69, worked until about three weeks ago for Mr. McCann. Then he left of his own accord. At the same time Mr. McCann missed many articles.

Early Friday morning, while the McCann family was asleep, True, according to his own admission, came back to the house. He knew the way the back door was fastened and unfastened it. Then he ransacked the house. He carried away an overcoat, horse blanket, woman's gold watch, spectacles, bank book and cash, all valued at \$34.75.

True hid in the woods in Hudson all day. At night he came out on the Perry road with the stolen things on his arm. The robbery had been reported, although Mr. McCann had no idea that the man he had befriended was the robber. Chief of Police J. E. Merrill of Hudson caught True and he had the goods with him.

Chaplain Bassett of the state prison, also the parole officer at the prison, talked with True in his cell. At 6 p. m. with 27 years of a sentence still before him, as well as the new charge, the outlook is blue for True.

"I'm sorry, very," was all his benefactor would say. Mr. McCann had opened a bank account for True in trust in the Nashua bank, and the money is still there.

## TWO MORE CAUGHT IN BLACKMAIL NET

Chicago Business Men, Trapped in New  
York, Paid \$15,000 to Avoid  
Publicity.

CHICAGO, Sept. 25.—Another sensation was sprung yesterday in the country wide blackmail case when James Christian and Homer French were arrested in Chicago on instructions from New York.

They are accused of blackmailing A. R. Wesley, a Chicago business man, of \$15,000 in New York when, it is alleged, they trapped him in a hotel with Alice Williams. They pretended they were federal officers and accused Wesley of violating the Mann act. For \$15,000 they let him go, according to the charge.

Alice Williams was kept under surveillance in Chicago by special agents of the bureau of investigation.

Hinton G. Clabaugh, chief of the Chicago bureau of investigation of the department of justice last night issued this statement:

"The case is based on a complaint signed in New York yesterday by Division Superintendent William M. Olley of the bureau of investigation. The complaint charges conspiracy to falsify impersonate an officer of the government."

"The overt acts charged in the complaint are as follows: Homer T. French and George Irwin, together with 'Doc' Brady entered a room in a hotel in New York city and represented themselves to be government officers, with intent then and there to defraud one A. R. Wesley and one Alice Williams."

The bogus officers read to Wesley an alleged federal warrant charging an alleged violation of the White Slave traffic act. They caused the transportation of Wesley and Alice Williams from New York to Chicago, and upon arrival in Chicago caused their detention in a local hotel for a period of approximately one week, during which time Wesley paid the said accused the sum of \$12,500 in currency."

## PROBABLY BREMEN AT MONTAUK POINT

Orders Received to Tow a German  
Merchant Submarine into Port  
at New London.

WESTERLY, R. I., Sept. 25.—Orders to have the Tug Westerly proceed tonight to Montauk Point, N. Y., to assist in towing a German merchant submarine to New London were received today by Capt. Frank H. Robinson of the Westerly Towboat company.

His instructions were obtained from the T. A. Scott Wrecking company of New London, which recently has had several tugs in the service of the Eastern Forwarding company, agents of the German undersea line. It was his understanding, he said, that the submarine was now off Montauk Point waiting the cover of darkness to slip into the port of New London.

Texas is devoting 250,000 acres to peanut culture.

## REGIMENT WILL REMAIN INTACT

### To Be Mustered Out of U. S. Service but Not Dis- charged

### MAY ARRIVE AT BARRACKS TONIGHT

Companies to Return as Military Or-  
ganizations to Home Stations — Uni-  
versity of Vermont Students Not to  
Be Reorganized.

(Special to The Reformer.)

FORT ETHAN ALLEN, Sept. 25.—The 1st Vermont regiment is expected here, according to best information obtainable, some time tonight or early Tuesday morning. Upon its arrival it will be quartered in the barracks buildings not now being used. The assignment of barracks is as follows:

Officers, band barracks; Companies A and B, K Troop barracks; Companies C and D, L Troop barracks; Companies E and F, M Troop barracks; Companies G, H and I, Ambulance Corps barracks; Companies K, L and M, Machine Gun barracks.

Col. Ira L. Reeves and staff will be quartered in one of the houses on Officers' Row. Capt. J. B. Hyland and Capt. E. W. Gibson. Capt. Carpenter, Lieut. Sheldon and Major Melville have been occupying one of the houses since the return of the detachment from Brattleboro Aug. 31.

The Company C men, the University of Vermont company, were promptly given discharges from the service after their arrival. The other men of the regiment will be mustered out of the service of the United States, but not discharged. They will therefore be subject to further call at any time. In all probability Company C will be reorganized at some other place. It is certain that another company will not be organized at the University of Vermont.

Gen. Lee S. Tillotson has just returned from a five-days' stay at Eagle Pass. He expresses himself as well pleased with the showing made by the regiment during its tour of border duty.

The muster out will proceed by battalions. The third battalion will be the first to be mustered out. It will take about 10 days to complete the preliminary paper work necessary. The companies will be returned as organizations to their home stations.

Advices received yesterday by the passenger department of the Rutland railroad were to the effect that the three sections of the train left St. Louis at 7.30, 8 and 8.30 o'clock yesterday morning.

The train is routed by way of Chicago, over the Nickel Plate road to the New York Central lines, Buffalo, Rotterdam Junction, N. Y., North Bennington, Rutland to Burlington.

As there are one or two freight cars in each section, the train is unable to make as fast time as though composed entirely of passenger coaches. Because of this uncertainty as to when the troops will reach the various junction points it cannot be definitely stated when the soldiers will reach Fort Ethan Allen.

## THE WEATHER.

Fair Tonight and Tuesday—Cooler To-  
night With Frosts.

WASHINGTON, September 25.—The weather forecast: Fair tonight and Tuesday. Cooler tonight with frosts. Moderate west winds.

## A GOOD PLACE TO BUY

### Trunks, Bags and Suit Cases

Because they are reasonably priced, and, like everything else in the store, all are new. Trunks, \$3.48, \$3.98, \$4.48, \$4.98, \$5.48, \$5.98 and up to \$15. Bags, 98c, \$1.48, \$1.98, \$2.48, \$3.48 and up. Suit Cases, 98c, \$1.50, \$1.98, \$2.50, \$2.98 and up.



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